



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## NOVEMBER 19, 2012 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, November 19, 2012 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of November 5, 2012. Combs, Corman and Brown present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The County Elected Officials met in the Nuckolls County Courtroom for the opening session of the Nuckolls County Government Day with the Senior Class from Superior Public School and the Junior Class from Lawrence Nelson Public School. The board reconvened at 9:59 a.m. for regular session of the Board of Commissioners meeting. Chairman Combs approved the agenda and the November 5, 2012 minutes as submitted.

The following correspondence was submitted to the Commissioners; Thanksgiving card from Contryman Solutions Group, letter from NEMA regarding the Homeland Security Grant Monitoring Visit to Nuckolls County; Nebraska LTAP Newsletter.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give an update on the current activities of the County Road Department.

Buescher noted that the main printer for the road department was giving her trouble and has inquired on some prices for a replacement. The best quote that was submitted was from Quill in the amount of \$199.99 with a possible use of a \$50.00 coupon. Originally the cost is \$299.99. **A motion was made by Combs and seconded by Corman to purchase the printer from Quill for \$199.99. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Warren updated the Board on the progress of Project C-65(659) located between Sections 8 & 17, T4N-R8W (Hammond Precinct), Swamp project. Currently they are installing 3-9' tubes to replace a bridge. As part of the agreement with Game & Parks, the County will be closing the ½ mile road north after the project is complete also Project C-65(556), Deweese Bridge located on the North side of Section 6, T4N-R7W (Liberty Precinct), which is a shared project with Clay County, has the concrete deck poured. Nuckolls County has done the majority of the dirt work for the project. The Nebraska Department of Roads has been in contact with Warren regarding Bridge #C0065042042P located west of Bostwick which is eligible for grant funds. The grant is based on several criteria in order to be eligible. The State will pay the first 40% and then the County is to pay the last 60% in which the State will then reimburse the County the 60% after completion. These funds replace the old Soft-Match funds which are no longer available. The selection for these eligible bridges is picked from a computer selection process. The project would then be required to be added to this years 1&6 Plan.

Warren also informed the Board of the miscellaneous projects in the County. There are 2 guys working on putting up new signs and documenting their location, 2 guys are putting up Hazard Markers (Flex markers) on bridges. The #11 Motor grader is having some engine problems. Warren believes the engine is dirty, they will be cleaning it up and then see if that corrects the problems. Warren has several guys out cutting trees in the road ditches. Warren has requested to purchase some new chainsaws. He submitted a couple of quotes for a Husqvarna chainsaw. Warren is no longer having gravel trucks out for now. Several requests for road maintenance was discussed.



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**An Electrical Easement request was submitted for Randy Pearson to run an electrical line under a county road and county road ditch, located between Sections 3 & 10, T3N-R5W (Elk Precinct). A motion was made to approve the electrical easement submitted by Randy Pearson. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Carissa Uhrmacher, Project Director for Juvenile Services County Aid met with the Board to give report on the 2013-2014 County Aid Juvenile Services Budget and also the results of the Grant funds used for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The Grant is applied for through the Crime Commission by the South Central Partnership, Regional Consortium organized by Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, Webster, Fillmore, Phelps, Kearney, Franklin & Harlan County's. In order to continue this process, Uhrmacher is requesting that Nuckolls County sign a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Juvenile Services County Aid Funding. Uhrmacher noted this does not cost the County any money. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Juvenile Services County Aid Funding, effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

County Treasurer, Vicki Ensign met with the Board to submit the 2012 Distress Warrants for the 2011 delinquent personal property taxes. There currently are 10 entities that have not paid for a total amount of \$5,139.94. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to accept the 2012 Distress Warrants as submitted. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Ensign all discussed with the Board the date for the Nuckolls County Employee Christmas Party. Originally the date was set for December 20, 2012. However with the change in scheduling by the Lawrence Nelson Elementary Christmas Concert for the same night, Ensign discussed having the County's Christmas Party moved to December 19<sup>th</sup>. It was determined to change the date to December 19, 2012. Ensign also requested to close the Courthouse on Monday, December 24, 2012 as Christmas is on Tuesday, December 25, 2012 and the Courthouse is only open for half a day on Christmas Eve. **A motion was made by Combs and seconded by Brown to close all day on December 24, 2012. Combs and Brown voted Aye. Corman voted Nay. Motion carried by a majority vote.**

An application for Special Designate Liquor License was submitted by Meyer Vineyards, Inc., dba Superior Estates Winery for a Winter Bazaar held on December 1, 2012 in the Nelson City Auditorium in Nelson Nebraska. Discussion was held regarding if this should have been sent to the City of Nelson for approval. It was determined to go ahead and approve. A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to approve the SDL for Meyer Vineyards, Inc., dba Superior Estates Winery for a Winter Bazaar on December 1, 2012 at the Nelson City Auditorium. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.

Clerk Kassebaum submitted the NACO Bylaw changes and the Procedure for voting at the NACO Convention held December 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. NACO has submitted a form to return that shows who has the authority to vote. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to authorize Chairman Combs to vote on behalf of Nuckolls County and to designate Commissioner Corman as an alternate. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Clerk Kassebaum submitted a letter from Mike Winkelman from Rasmussen Mechanical regarding the County's heating and cooling system. Discussion was held. No decision was made.

Vicki Ensign met with the Board to request an Executive Session with just the 3 Board Member regarding personal reasons. Chairman Combs noted that 'personal reasons' for an Elected Official is not authorized under the Open Meetings Act. The Board denied the Executive Session request. Ensign noted she did not want to



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discuss this in the open. It was noted that she would need to contact the Board one on one at a different time. Ensign also noted the heat in her offices was hot and would like to have her temperature turned down to 70 degrees. The Board gave their approval of the change in temperature.

The following salary claims were approved:

General Fund Salaries:	\$56,254.55
Road Department Fund Salaries:	\$38,770.98
Civil Defense Fund Salary:	\$ 2,290.00
911 Emergency Fund Salary:	\$ 400.00

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 11:52 a.m. until Monday, November 26, 2012.

Michael D. Combs, Chairman

By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk